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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Attorney Docket No. 3797.81466)

In the Application of: Joseph C. Ballantyne	)	
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Serial No. 09/531,397	)	Group Art Unit: 2127
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making this Amendment due on or before **July 3, 2003**. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Office is authorized to charge such a fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.